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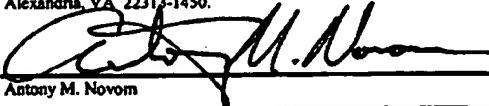
Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2003.

The requested extension is for three months, extending the period to December 30, 2003.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge a fee of \$475.00 for the three-month extension of time to respond under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), and for any additional required fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0661. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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